

Baylor Scheierman (November 11, 2023, vs North Dakota State Bison)

In this game, Baylor Scheierman was strictly an off-ball role player who knew his role and played it really well. He moved really well without the ball and was constantly moving along the three-point line forcing the defense to chase him around which was exhausting for the off-ball defender to keep up with. He was also able to come fluidly around off-ball screens and pindowns for his size. He was able to get many catch and shoot three-point opportunities as a result of his constant movement. He had a quick release and fluid shooting mechanics on his three-point shot, making it hard for the defender to contest, alter, or block his three-point shot. At the beginning of the game, he rushed his catch and shoot three-point shots and wasn't in rhythm, resulting in a flat shot with no backspin that missed on the back rim, but he settled down later in the game and took more time to shoot it. Him being a threat to knock down catch and shoot three-pointers and space the floor for his teammates caused the defense to close out on him from the three-point line aggressively. When defenders closed out on him from the three-point line, he could put the ball on the floor and attack the closeouts, but he lacked speed, explosiveness and burst to the rim, making it hard for him to get to the rim. He instead had to resort to attacking the rim and spinning away from the defense to create separation for a turnaround mid-range shot. He had good touch, a high release point, and balance on his turnaround mid-range shot making it hard for the defender to get to his shot. A play that stood out was with 14:06 minutes left in the first half. In this play he moves well without the ball and fluidly at his size around the off-ball screen after making the inbounds pass and then makes his way to the left corner and spins away from the defender for the turnaround mid-range shot that he shoots over the defender. He has good touch, a high release point on his shot, good footwork, and creates separation from the defender, making it hard for the defender to get to this shot and contest it. He lacks speed, athleticism, explosiveness, and burst to get to the rim and finish so he has to resort to this turnaround jump shot from mid-range.

He was able to create looks for his teammates. He was a willing passer and able to find the open man. His playmaking came in making cross-court passes to the open three-point shooter and entry passes into the post. When making the entry pass in the post he had good poise waiting for the post up player to either seal off the defender or get deep post positioning, setting them up for a high-percentage shot inside. At times, he struggled making passes to the roller at the rim. He overthrew the pass and couldn't get up lob passes to the big rolling to the rim. At times in the beginning of the game, he would force tough contested passes through tight corners and crowds but settled down later in the game.

On the defensive end, he wasn't an active defender not getting on ball defensive reps. He was hidden on an offensive player with limited offensive responsibility as an off-ball defender. He limited off-ball movement along the three-point line and cuts to the rim on

the off-ball player he was matched up against. He could also get through off-ball screens well and lead the off-ball player receiving the handoff into the rim protection.